

## Bye-Law 1: Membership

### 1 Student Members

- 1.1 The Student Members of the Union are those defined in Article 9.1.
- 1.2 All Student Members shall abide by the Union Articles of Association, Bye-Laws and Union Policy which has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

### 2 Termination of Student Membership

- 2.1 Termination of Student Membership is defined in Article 10.
- 2.2 If a student wishes to exercise the right to opt-out from Student Membership, they shall inform the Chief Executive of the Union in writing, or by any other process agreed by the Board of Trustees from time to time, who shall notify the Board of Trustees and City St George's, University of London of the student's decision.
  - 2.2.1 For the avoidance of doubt, a student who has opted-out in one academic year will be considered a Student Member in the next unless they opt out again.
  - 2.2.2 A student who has opted-out may re-join as a Student Member by notifying the Chief Executive of the Union of their wish to do so.
- 2.3 Non-members shall be entitled to use the services of the Union, subject to such ByeLaws as may from time to time be in force, including access to Union advisory and welfare services.
- 2.4 Non-members shall not be entitled:
  - (a) To participate in Union affairs (i.e. participate in democratic meetings, vote in elections, referenda and other ballots, or stand as a candidate for or hold office in the Union including Course or School Representatives);
  - (b) To participate in Union Clubs, Societies, or Community Project decisionmaking processes as officers or members of Committees;
  - (c) To hold student representative positions within City St George's, University of London which are filled via the Union.

### 3 Associate Members

- 3.1 In accordance with Article 13 the Trustees may establish different classes of associate membership.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt any persons qualifying as an Associate Member are not a Student Member.

3.3 Students defined as “occasional students” by Senate shall automatically have free associate membership of the Union.

3.4 Associate Members shall be entitled to:

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- (a) Use of services and facilities of the Union and subcontractors with possible restrictions and tariffs.
- (b) Hold associate membership of any Union Clubs, Societies, or Community Projects.

3.5 The Trustees have established the following class of associate membership, which may occur a fee:

- (a) Individual Associate Membership; available to any persons employed by City, St George's, University of London.
- (b) Alumni Membership; available to any person who has previously been a full member of the Union.
- (c) Reciprocal Membership; the Union may enter into reciprocal membership arrangements with other students' unions or educational institutions, both within the United Kingdom and overseas.
- (d) Honorary Life Membership; this shall be awarded to persons agreed by the Trustee Board.
- (e) SG Life Members; the Life Members of St George's Students Union (registered charity number 1188386: immediately prior to the merger with the Union.
- (e) Affiliated Membership; staff of the St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust or the National Blood Service, Tooting.

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